(b) whether a low cost planetary mission has been conducted by the International Academy of Astronautics in Goa; and

(c) whether basic features of this low cost planetary Mission would be reflected in such projects in future or would these be designed on entirely different technology to avoid snags in "Chandrayaan-I"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The next Moon mission Chandrayaan-II will have an Orbiter, a Lander and Rovers, which uses advanced technologies and will be in tune with technologies internationally.

(b) Yes, Sir. An International Conference of International Academy of Astronautics on 'low Cost Planetary Missions' has been conducted at Goa from August 31, 2009, to September 4, 2009.

(c) In this Conference, some concepts to carry out low cost planetary missions have been discussed. Some of these ideas are futuristic and some can be applied to the immediate missions.

Planet 'X heading towards earth

3190. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planet 'X' is heading towards Earth at a speed of 20,00,000 miles a year and may come close to earth or collide with it anytime after 2010 to cause destruction like earthquake and Tsunami;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has any link with calendar of Maya Civilization; and

(d) what are the remedial measures available with the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no factual basis for this.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Tourism after 26/11 terrorist attack on Mumbai

3191. DR. N. JANARDHANA REDDY:Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Tourism industry is still finding it difficult to present the country as safe destination for foreign tourists even after one year of the 26/11 terror attack;

(b) if so, whether several foreign countries are still guiding their citizens not to visit India in view of unsafe destination;